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FOR: USE OF SPHINGOSINE-1-PHOSPHATE (S1P) RECEPTOR AGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF BRAIN DEGENERATIVE

DISEASES

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed:

- supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 18, 2009.
- before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. \$1.97(b)(3) no fees are required.

If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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